

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 30 line 22 and ending on page 31 line 2 with the following rewritten paragraph.

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Using a split screen technique, any number of different video clips may be sent (e.g. 2, 4, 6, 8). The split screen technique sends multiple video clips simultaneously on a single channel at a given time. For example, a channel may be divided into eight portions of screen space and one of the eight portions may carry the *Terminator* video clip. To show the *Terminator* video clip on a menu, the *Terminator* video clip must either be scaled and redirected to a video window on a menu screen or a masking methodology can be used. To scale and redirect the video clip, the set top terminal 220 would decompress the channel and manipulate on the one-eighth portion of the screen desired in the video window of the menu. The manipulation would involve the scaling of the desired one-eighth portion, if necessary, and then redirecting the desired one-eighth portion to the correct position on the screen in the video window of the menu. Masking involves playing the entire channel of video (all 2, 4, 6, or 8 split screens) in background and masking the unwanted video clip portions of the split screen by playing the menu in foreground and overlaying the unwanted background video. The overlaying may be done with menu graphics and text information. Masking is the least expensive method because it does not require any special hardware and it increases video throughput to the set top terminal 220. However, using the masking technique 30 without any video redirecting causes each video clip to be located in a different position on the screen. It also requires the masking to be different for each video clip and makes consistent format difficult. Scaling and redirecting video is generally difficult, expensive and requires additional hardware.

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